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Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

This newsletter needs YOUR help. In order for this special outreach to be effective and useful, it is necessary that we make it an interesting, informative and enjoyable publication. To reach that end, we need articles. We need for you to share with us your ideas, concerns, poems, etc. We welcome your input and invite you to contribute to our newsletter. If you have any news, articles, original writings, poems, etc. that you think would be suitable for this publication, please send them to office addressed: Newsletter Editor-MCCD, 45 E. Adams, Detroit, MI 48226. Thank you.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have a spare evening or Saturday free during the summer, the Outreach Team has received these calls for help:

Ray Roberson, a blind friend of MCC, needs people to read newspapers and business correspondence to him in his downtown apartment. Volunteers are preferred but, small wages can be paid if requested. Ray can be reached at 964-2746 in the evenings.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1950 Trumbull and Michigan Avenue is very much in need of volunteer help in their Soup Kitchen for the needy. If you can spare 3-4 hours one Saturday a month for the summer to help serve and/or manage the kitchen, please call their church office: 963-6190.

If you are interested in either of the above but would like more information, please see Peter Cooper for details or, call the storefront office and we will have Peter get in touch with you.

Y A A

Y A A meets every Tuesday at 7:30PM, Friday at 8:30PM and Sunday at 7:30PM at Central Methodist Church, Woodward at East Adams, Detroit, Michigan. If you are in need of the Y A A services or would like further information concerning this group, please call the contact phone number 839-6543.



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"TAPE RECORDER MINISTRY?....."



.....It's a kind of funny name for a church ministry. But it seems to be working as a very practical way of reaching out to people through recording machines and cassettes.

Have you ever wondered what your life would be like if you should lose your gift of sight? Or tried to rise from your chair to discover your body did not co-ordinately move as directed? To be sure, some adjustments would have to be made in your day-to-day living.

For those who are blind or mobility-impaired, Tape Recorder Ministry can offer, in part, a helping-hand adjustment. By taping our newsletters, assorted mailings, and the newsletters of other gay community groups, we can help our blind friends keep aware of what's happening with MCC as well as other local and national news. This also eliminates the inconvenience and perhaps embarrassment of having someone else read to them. If someone has difficulty getting around on their own and does not always have a ride to church to rely on, taping our worship services, congregational meetings, support groups etc., is a way for them to keep in touch with vital functions, worship with us from a distance and feel generally closer to our church body. Where MCCD, the building or the printed name, may be inaccessible, our spirit and message need not be so confined. No one should feel alienated from God, MCC, or the gay community just because they "can't get down there".

For the most part, Tape Recorder Ministry is self-sustaining with some tremendous budget wise advantages. The service is free to whoever may want or need it. Even cassette recorders can be provided without charge from public library referrals. There is no postal expenses-we just mark and mail each package "Free Recorded Material for the Blind or Disabled" and they go through without postage. Best of all, we needn't be constantly buying new tapes. When a recipient is finished with a tape, it's just sent back and we record over it again. Now that's recycling! Of course, help and donations are still welcomed. One-track cassette tapes and size-C batteries can always be used. And, if anyone has a quality tape recorder they'd like to put to good use.....

Our recorders have been busily spinning about two months now, fast-forwarding tapes to those people. As the ministry becomes more proficient and public knowledge of this service grows hopefully more people will join our mailing list. Future plans include starting a tape library of past worship services, keeping referral lists of "talking book" services offered by public agencies, having tapes available for the ill or hospitalized, and making a few braille and large print copies of MCC's hymnals. The possibilities are many.

If you are, or know of anyone who is blind, home-bound, or mobility-impaired, or would just like more information, please contact the storefront office or Peter Cooper (837-8472 in the evenings). Also welcomed are offers of help and donations, advice and criticism and referrals to or from other related or interested agencies.

Thank you so much for your support,

Peter Cooper

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